

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2004, and in conjunction with an RCE, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 3-12, 16, 17, 20-27 and 30-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Hegli in view of Winters. This rejection is traversed as the combination of Hegli and Winters fails to teach all the claimed elements.

Claim 1, as amended, recites "wherein the access control mechanism determines if the visitor is a previously registered temporary user, if the visitor is a previously registered temporary user the access control mechanism determining if the previously registered temporary user has exceeded an access limit, if the previously registered temporary user has exceeded access limits, the access control mechanism denying access; if the previously registered temporary user has not exceeded access limits, the access control mechanism increasing access limits for the visitor." Embodiments including these elements are described in at least the paragraph bridging pages 12 and 13 of Applicant's specification. Neither Hegli nor Winters teaches or suggests these features. For at least the above reasons, claim 1 is patentable over Hegli and Winters. Claims 3-11 depend from claim 1 and are patentable over Hegli for at least the reasons advanced with respect to claim 1. Claims 12, 16, 17, 20-27 and 30-31 recite features similar to those discussed above with reference to claim 1 and are patentable over Hegli for at least the reasons advanced with respect to claim 1.

Claims 2, 13-15, 18, 19, 28 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Hegli in view of Winters and Heinz. Heinz was relied upon for teaching password generation and emailing the password to a user. Heinz, however, fails to cure the deficiencies of Hegli and Winters discussed above. Thus, claims 2, 13-15, 18, 19, 28 and 29 are patentable over Hegli in view of Winters and Heinz.

Claim 32 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Hegli in view of Winters and "what would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention." It is believed that the Examiner is relying upon Official Notice in combination with Hegli and Winters. The Official Notice was relied upon for

teaching the use of cookies to track certain information. Applicant agrees that cookies are known in the art, but the use of cookies to track the information recited in claim 32 is not well known in the art. Pursuant to MPEP § 2144.03, Applicant requests that the Examiner produce a reference teaching the use of cookies to track the information recited in claim 32. Furthermore, the Official Notice fails to cure the deficiencies of Hegli and Winters discussed above. Thus, claim 32 is patentable over Hegli in view of Winters and Official Notice.

For at least the reasons advanced above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. The Examiner is cordially requested to telephone, if the Examiner believes that it would be advantageous to the disposition of this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment, which may be required for this amendment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1130. In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in any petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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